



# **Welcome**

## **GMLPN Network Meeting : March 2020**

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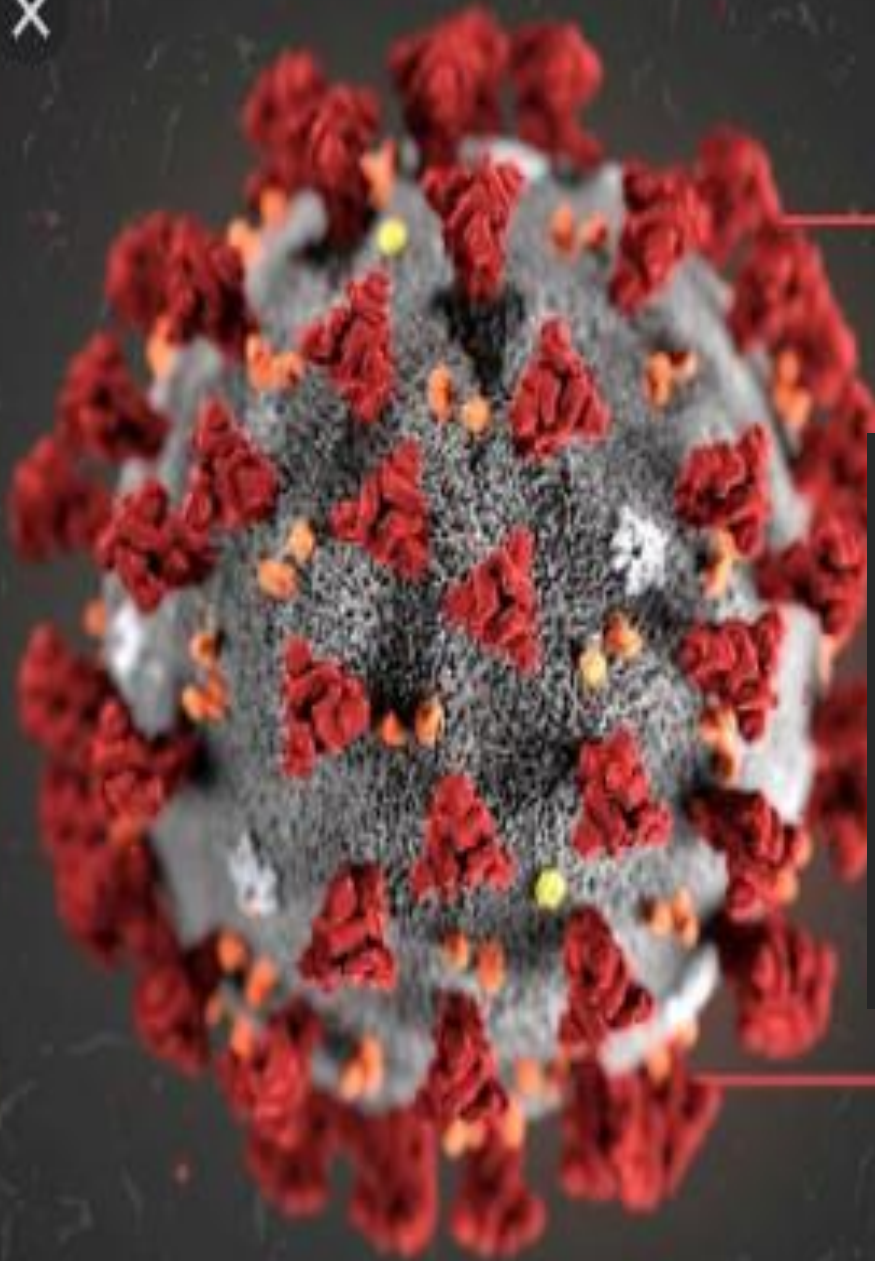
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# CORONAVIRUS

Business  
Continuity  
Planning &  
Contingencies



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Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network

# Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Further Education Directorate Territorial Team



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# Agenda

- Business issues
  - Subcontractor Consultation
  - Monitoring and irregularity
  - Minimum Standards
  - 16 to 19 allocations
- ESFA Update 11 March 2020
- Questions



# Business issue #1- Subcontracting

- Response rate is now at 272 - good response rate
- The trend in the level of agreement/disagreement - 6 of the ESFA proposals are broadly supported but 4 split opinion:
  - proposal 2 to restrict distance subcontracting
  - proposal 3 to cap the value that a lead may subcontract to 25% and to reduce that volume over 3 years
  - proposal 4 to restrict whole programme subcontracting and
  - proposal 10 the timing for introducing these reforms.
- ESFA will be analysing the responses and reflecting on how they might refine proposals to ensure that they are appropriate and effective across the range of educational settings that funding supports.
- ESFA will be publishing response to the consultation at the end of May.

# Business issue #2

## Monitoring and Irregularity

- ESFA have sent out over 2,000 letters to providers advising them of data errors after analysing the R06 ILR submission. ESFA have lowered the threshold for writing to providers for these reports to zero – therefore providers will receive a letter for a single learner.
- This is to raise provider awareness of these reports as some continue to be unaware of them and their impact; especially if their data errors increase significantly after the R10 provisional funding claims statement or at R14.



# Business issue #2 continued from last mtg.

## Minimum Standards 2018/19

- Policy published in June 2019 and can be found here [gov.uk/government/publications/minimum-standards-2018-to-2019](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/minimum-standards-2018-to-2019)
- Apprenticeships only – and one last year
- Thresholds unchanged
- Areas we will consider:
  - Exceptional circumstances
  - Action clearly already taken to remove poor provision
  - New/immature provision
  - Very small cohorts
  - Impact of transition to Standards
- If you have failed - we will be in touch shortly – **this will have happened**
- **Intervention actions – confirmed March/April**

# Business issue #3

## **16 to 19 funding allocations 2020 to 2021**

16 to 19 allocations have been issued to providers who were expecting them by the end of February. Also published supporting guidance to help providers understand their allocations.

# ESFA Update 11th March 2020

**Information: helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education**

**Action: gender pay gap reporting 2020**

**Reminder: recording of residential provision for FE colleges and special post-16 providers**

**Reminder: deadlines for apprenticeships training provider contract extensions and new provider legal agreements**

# ESFA Update 11th March 2020

**Information: further education data security**

**Information: 16 to 19 rates and formula guidance**

**Information: final qualification achievement rates (QAR) 2018 to 2019**

**Information: updated on provider roadshows**

# **ESFA Update 11 March 2020**

**Information: round 3 of Taking Teaching Further**

# Working in Partnership



# Major Consultation Exercises

- Government/ESFA Sub-contracting – Ends 17 March
- IfATE Consultation on Changes to Apprenticeship Funding Bands - [Determining Funding Bands](#) – Closes Monday 6 April 2020 at midday.
- IfATE Consultation on a simplified EQA system - Funding of Apprenticeship Standards - [EQA](#) - Closes 9 April 2020 at

# Major Consultation Exercises

## Removal of funding for qualifications with low and no enrolments

ESFA have now commenced the process for removing qualifications at level 3 and below which have 'low' or 'no' enrolments.

You can find the list in [this excel document](#).

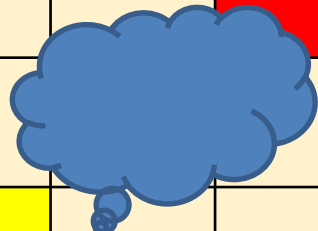
Awarding organisations must tell DfE if they believe a qualification should retain approval for public funding by Friday 27 March 2020.



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ESFA Sub-contracting Proposals	S A	A	Neither A or D	D	S D	Don't know
To require providers to publish on their website the rationale for subcontracting that is approved by the Governors or Board.		✓				
Limiting Subcontracting at Geographical Distance					✓	
Controls on the Volume of Subcontracting by a Lead		✓				
Restricting Whole Programme Subcontracting			✓			
Restricting the Volume and Value of ESFA Funds Held by a Subcontractor		✓				
Sports Subcontracting				✓		
Common Funding Rules			✓			
Publishing Information about Funding Retained		✓				
Introducing a Standard for Management of Subcontracting			✓			
Implementation in 2020/21				✓		



# Apprenticeships SME Intermediary Service

- NSAR Commissioned by ESFA to support intermediary organisations and providers to engage with SMEs
- Consistency of message
- Toolkits and guidance in working with employers

# Apprenticeships – SME Masterclass



[Book here](#)

# Opportunities for CPD

**English in T Levels: Developing holistic competencies - webinar**, 18 March, online

**Middle Managers Thematic Webinars - Leading curriculum change for T Levels**, 18 March online

**Assessment in Education and Childcare T Level for teachers and trainers**, 19 March, online

**Maths in T Levels: Working on the boundaries and the mathematical competences - webinar**, 30 March, online

**Functional Skills: Explore new materials and approaches to support teaching and learning - maths webinar (West and South)**, 16 March, online

**Expert-led maths and English webinars - Literacy For Maths: overcoming language Issues in GCSE and Functional Skills Maths webinar**, 17 March, online

**Developing Vocabulary on Vocational Programmes (webinar)**, 20 March, online

**Alternative ways to teach key topics in English (webinar)**, 24 March, online

<https://www.et-foundation.co.uk/supporting/courses/>



# BAME Apprenticeship Awards

Nominations are now open!

- Nominate an Apprentice
- Nominate an Employer
- Nominate a Training Provider

**Deadline Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**



# World Skills – Back a Bid



A campaign for  
the UK to host  
**WorldSkills 2027**

**BACK A BID!**

An **FEWEEK** campaign  
[feweeek.co.uk/backabid](http://feweeek.co.uk/backabid)

**#BackABid**

# **COVID-19: Business Planning and Contingencies**

- **Dialogue with GMCA**
- **Impact**
  - Learners (including apprentices)
  - Providers
  - Employers
- **Policy & practice**
- **Technology Support**
  - Communication Technology
  - Learning Technology
    - Maintaining quality and funding eligibility



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